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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 2, 2004, **AARON MILLER** of Logan, West Virginia, and **GREGORY ADAM PLUMLEY** of Logan, West Virginia, were sentenced before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, Benton, Illinois, for the robbery of Beck's Drug Store, Eldorado, Illinois. **MILLER** was sentenced to 121 months' imprisonment, three (3) years' supervised release, and restitution in the amount of \$10,063. **PLUMLEY** was sentenced to 141 months' imprisonment, three (3) years' supervised release, a \$7,500 fine, and restitution in the amount of \$10,063.

MILLER and PLUMLEY pled guilty on October 31, 2003, to a three-count Indictment which charged robbery of a pharmacy through force and violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2118(a); use of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c); and conspiracy to commit robbery of a pharmacy through the use of force and violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2118(d).

The investigation revealed that in late May, 2003 **MILLER and PLUMLEY** conspired to travel from West Virginia to Southern Illinois for the purpose of robbing a pharmacy to obtain OxyContin and Morphine tablets. The pair arrived in Eldorado, Illinois on May 31, 2003 and surveiled several drug stores before deciding to rob Beck's Drug Store. The pair entered Beck's Drug Store shortly before the noon closing time on Saturday May 31 and announced the robbery. **PLUMLEY** brandished a 38 caliber revolver while **MILLER** restrained the owner and his wife with duct tape. The pair stole \$9,047 in OxyContin and Morphine tablets and \$1,016 in cash and checks. Upon leaving the drug store, the pair disabled the telephone and eluded authorities by hiding in the woods of Southern Illinois for several days before making their escape back to West Virginia.

The successful prosecution was the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Eldorado, Illinois Police Department. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Robert L. Simpkins.